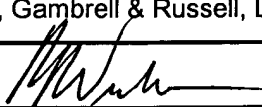
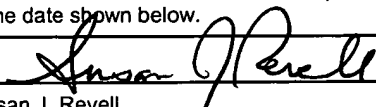


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In response to the requirement for restriction dated November 22, 2005, applicant hereby elects Species A as represented by Figure 2.

Claims readable on the elected Species include:

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8 and 12 to 17, inclusive.


The reason for including Claim 4 among the claims readable on the elected Species is explained on page 15 of the application, last paragraph (lines 20-27).

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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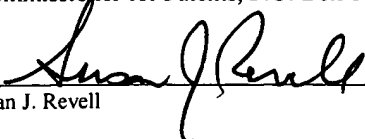
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